

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1445

Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell

January 4, 2012

An act to amend Section 4025.5 of the Penal Code, relating to jails.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1445, as introduced, Mitchell. Jails: inmate welfare fund.

Existing law provides that the sheriff of each county may maintain an inmate welfare fund to be kept in the treasury of the county into which profit from a store operated in connection with the county jail, 10% of all gross sales of inmate hobbycraft, and any rebates or commissions received from a telephone company, as specified, is required to be deposited. Existing law authorizes the sheriff to expend money from the fund to assist indigent inmates, prior to release, with clothes and transportation expenses, as specified.

Existing law, until January 1, 2013, creates a pilot program that authorizes the sheriff of certain counties and the Chief of Correction of Santa Clara County to spend money from the inmate welfare fund for the purpose of assisting indigent inmates with the reentry process within 14 days after the inmate's release from the county jail or other adult detention facility, as specified.

This bill would authorize the pilot program to operate indefinitely. The bill would authorize those sheriffs and the Chief of Correction of Santa Clara County to spend money from the inmate welfare fund for the purpose of assisting indigent inmates with the reentry process within 30 days after the inmate's release from the county jail or other adult detention facility, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4025.5 of the Penal Code is amended to
2 read:
3 4025.5. ~~(a)~~—There is hereby created a pilot program in the
4 Counties of Alameda, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento,
5 San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa
6 Clara, and Stanislaus. In each county, the sheriff, or, in the County
7 of Santa Clara, the chief of correction, may expend money from
8 the inmate welfare fund to provide indigent inmates, after release
9 from the county jail or any other adult detention facility under the
10 jurisdiction of the sheriff, or, in the County of Santa Clara, the
11 chief of correction, assistance with the reentry process within ~~14~~
12 30 days after the inmate's release. The assistance provided may
13 include, but is not limited to, work placement, counseling,
14 obtaining proper identification, education, and housing.
15 ~~(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2013,~~
16 ~~and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that~~
17 ~~is enacted before January 1, 2013, deletes or extends that date.~~